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nsmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	APPARATUS, SIGNAL-PROCESSING CIRCUIT AND DEVICE FOR MAGNETIC RECORDING SYSTEM

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Enclosed are:

- 16 sheets of □ formal □ informal drawings.
- ☑ Transmittal of Japanese application 2000-328404 to claim priority date of October 23, 2000.
- □ An assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
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- ☑ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449.
- ☐ Applicant requests non-publication.
- ☐ Applicant is a small entity.
- ☑ An Executed Declaration

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NOTICE OF PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119 AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of October 23, 2000, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent priority application 2000-328404.

A certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2000-328404 is submitted herewith. The Examiner is most respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the certified copy in due course.

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